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SUBJ: KAUNDA HAILS ARAB-AFRICAN UNITY

1. THREE-MAN UNITED ARAB EMIRATE DELEGATION HEADED BY MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AHMED BEN SULTAN SULAWYAM MET WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA AND OTHER TOP GRZ OFFICIALS DEC 18 ON AFRICAN-ARAB COOPERATION. ALSO IN DELEGATION IS FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISOR AHMED MUKHARTAR.

2. DURING STATE HOUSE TALKS, DELEGATION DELIVERED LETTER TO KAUNDA FROM PRESIDENT OF UAE. AT LUNCHEON AFTERWARDS KAUNDA SAID ARAB SUPPORT FOR SOUTHERN AFRICAN LIBERATION WAS MEANINGFUL DEVELOPMENT. COMMENT ON OPPRESSION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, UNCLASSIFIED

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MIDDLE EAST, AND SOUTH EAST ASIA, KAUNDA STATED QUOTE: WE IN

ZAMBIA, LIKE THE PEOPLE IN THE ARAB WORLD, HAVE REALIZED THAT SO LONG AS WE REMAIN DISUNITED, SO LONG AS OUR RESOURCES BOTH NATURAL AND HUMAN REMAIN UNEXPLOITED, THE EXPLOITATION AND OCCUPATION OF OUR LANDS BY THOSE WHO WISH TO OPPRESS AND EXPLOIT US WILL CONTINUE UNQUOTE. KAUNDA ADDED ARAB-AFRICAN UNITY HAD BECOME A REALITY.

3. IN REPLY FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISOR MUKHARTAR PLEDGED CONTINUED SUPPORT OF ARAB NATIONS FOR SOUTHERN AFRICAN INDEPENDENCE. HE STATED QUOTE THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA NOT ONLY IN OUR POLITICAL RELATIONS AND STRUGGLE, BUT ALSO TO RAISE THE LIVING STANDARDS OF OUR PEOPLES UNQUOTE. ALSO ATTENDING LUNCHEON WERE PRIME MINISTER MAINZA CHONA, FOREIGN MINISTER VERNON MWAANGA, AND FINANCE AND PLANNING MINISTER ALEXANDER CHIKWANDA.

4. UPON ARRIVAL LUSAKA DEC 17 FROM TANZANIA MUKHTAR SAID DELEGATION HAD COME TO ZAMBIA TO LAUNCH A CAMPAIGN OF COOPERATION BY ARAB COUNTRIES WITH INDEPENDENT AFRICA. HE SAID AFRO-ARAB DEVELOPMENT BANK WOULD SOON BEGIN ASSISTANCE TO AFRICAN COUNTRIES WITH 150 MILLION KWACHA CONTRIBUTED BY ARAB COUNTRIES. RE SUPPORT FOR AFRICAN LIBERATION, HE SAID UAE PRESIDENT HAD GIVEN 500,000 DOLLARS TO OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE. MUKHTAR STATED THERE WAS NO GOING BACK ON ARABS' DECISION TO CUT OFF OIL SUPPLIES TO SOUTH AFRICA, RHODESIA AND PORTUGUAL. HE ADDED AFRO-ARAB COMMITTEE IS BEING FORMED TO WORK OUT SYSTEM TO PREVENT OIL EMBARGO AFFECTING INDEPENDENT AFRICAN STATES. DELEGATION SCHEDULED VISIT UGANDA AND ZAIGY AFTER LEAVING ZAMBIA.
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